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PAINT THE TOWN **PURPLE**

The fight against cancer continues at the annual Coaches vs. Cancer events planned for Jan. 5 and Jan. 30. Support your local team and fight cancer.

Ark is on the move

Local officials react to state

By Jamie S. Baker Editor

Local officials were not pleased with the state's decision to pull tax incentives from the Ark Encounter project in Williamstown, but know the project will be built.

The state gave preliminary approval to the tax incentives on July 29. This would have allowed the park to participate in a program that would let it keep 25 percent of the sales tax the Ark Encounter would collect over 25

Developers of the park said this money would be used for other phases and attractions at the 800-acre site off Ky. 36, which will feature a 500-foot replica of Noah's Ark from the Bible.

See ARK page 10

Special **Valentines** wanted

The Grant County News wants to hear about someone special in your life.

It could be your sweetheart, your children, your parents, a neighbor or family friend.

The News staff wants to know why they are special.

If your letter is chosen, your

special someone will be featured in the Feb. 12 issue of the Grant County

News. Send lettelling what nakes them special to: Special

P.O. Box 247, Williamstown, Ky 41097 or e-mail to: gcneditorial@ grantky.com or fax to 859-824-5888 or drop off at 129 S. Main, Suite B (Hogan's Mill Subdivision) in Dry Ridge.

Valentines,

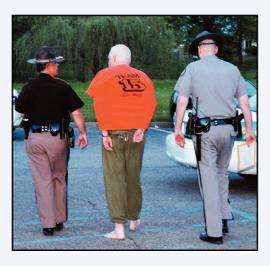
The deadline to submit a nomination is 5 p.m. on Feb. 4.

Be sure to include your name and phone number as well as your special someone's complete address and phone number.



YEAR IN REVIEW







WHAT MADE THE NEWS?

From the start of excavation at the Ark Encounter site in Williamstown to a World War II veteran's remains being identified and buried. 2014 was an eventful one in Grant County. Many news stories graced the front page of the Grant County News that will have a lasting impact on the community. This is a sample of the stories from the year.

- 2014 started with frigid temperatures as low as -8 degrees with the windshield making it feel even icier at -30 degrees.
- Layne Wagoner was appointed interim county clerk to fill the spot left vacant by Leatha Conrad's retirement.
- Three Ohio men Jeff Mason, Steve Turley and Paris Mason — believed to be involved in a Florence armed robbery were apprehended in Grant County after a police chase that topped 100 miles per hour.
- Williamstown High School senior basketball star David Jump reaches the 1,000-point mark in his career.
- A Williamstown mother and her 10-yearold son and 3-year-old son, Ty Taylor, were involved in a head-on collision on Delia Hill that left Taylor with severe spinal cord injuries. The driver of the other car, Michael Asher, is scheduled to face charges in court for his role

- in the accident.
- Five inches of snow fall in Grant County as Judge-Executive Darrell Link declared Level Two Snow Emergency.
- Flu activity becomes widespread in the state as number of cases top 331 in northern Kentucky.
- Well-known Grant County resident Charles Dills passes away at age 79. Dills, who owned Dills Insurance for more than 50 years, was also a former teacher, basketball coach and Grant County School Board member, as well as serving on the board of directors for Grant County Deposit Bank.
- Former Grant County High School band director David Owens pleads guilty to two counts of sexual abuse and one count of tampering with a witness and receives 10-year sentence for an inappropriate relationship with a former GCHS student.



FEBRUARY

- · Missed days of school continue to pile up as more snow piles into Grant County.
- WHS archery qualifies for state. The team would later go on to qualify for the nationals and world tourna-
- ment in their second year. Family learns that the remains of Korean War veteran Paul Marshall Gordon have been identified and
- will be returned to Grant County for a full military funeral. WHS senior Skyler Faulkner continues her fight
- against cancer and begins radiation treatments. • Three GCHS wrestlers — Brad Fryman, Austin Gripshover and Joey Roundtree — qualify for the state
- wrestling tournament.
- WHS Demons basketball team earn first doubledigit win season in five years.
- WHS senior David Jump's basketball season continues to soar with a career-high 50 points against
- Owen County and breaking the school record for most three-pointers in a game. • Grant County Lady Braves basketball end season with a loss to Walton Verona in the first round of the
- district tournament. The team finishes 10-16. WHS Lady Demons lose to Simon Kenton to finish season with 5-18 record.

THEY SAID WHAT?

The lesson is that no matter how insignificant you seem to the world, God keeps track of you.

- Mickey Sanders niece of Paul Gordon



What's up?

The Grant County News publishes items in the Community Calendar free of charge. Send items to: Calendar, P.O. Box 247, Williamstown, KY 41097 or e-mail them to: gcneditorial@grantky.com or fax them to 824-5888 by noon on Monday.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Order of Eastern Star #301 - 7:30 p.m. Jan. 1. Masonic Lodge #85, Main St., Williamstown.

Grant Lodge 85, F&AN/- Grant 85 is a Masonic Lodge located in Williamstown. Regular meetings are held the second Thursday of the month. The January meeting will be held on Jan. 8. Fellowship hour is from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a light dinner. All are welcome. Master Masons closed meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Post 137 - Meetings held at 6 p.m. every third Thursday each month. For members only. For more information call 859-824-4766.

Williamstown Kiwanis - Noon Wednesdays,. Everyone welcome. Kiwanis helps the youth and community through various service projects. President - Susam Nimersheim. Membership - Rick Skinner For meeting location, call 859-824-6351.

CLOSINGS

Grant County offices will be closed on the following dates due to the holiday season.

• Grant County Circuit and District Clerks Office will be closed Jan. 1, Jan. 2 and Jan. 3 for New Years. Plan to pay fines early.

- Grant County Public Library will be closed Jan. 1 for New Year's.

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- The Grant County Extension Office will be closed Dec. 25 through Jan. 2 for Christmas and New Years.
- Dry Ridge and Corinth City buildings will be closed Jan. 1 for New Year's.
- Williamstown City Building will be closed Jan. 1 for New Year's.
- Crittenden City Building will be closed Dec.
 31, Jan. 1 and Jan. 2 for New Years.

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

Grant County Farm Bureau Federation - 7:30 p.m. Jan. 1. Farm Bureau office, 486 Helton, Williamstown.

Grant County Cattlemen's Association - 7:30 p.m. Jan. 1. Grant Co. Extension Office, Williamstown.

Champions for a Drug Free Grant County - 9 a.m. Jan. 5. Grant County Extension Office, Williamstown. Open to anyone interested in addressing issues of alcohol and drug abuse and violence in the community. Call Rhonda Schlueter at 859-824-3323 for more information.

Corinth Women's Club - 6 p.m. Jan. 6. Noble's Restaurant, Corinth.

Williamstown Women's Club - Jan. 8. For time and location call Amy Roe at 513-314-1881. Visitors welcome. Refreshments will be served.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Grant County Thrift Store - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. 1398 N. Main St., Williamstown. Offers clothing and household items for sale to general public. For more information call 859-823-1327.

Helping Hands - 9 a.m. to noon. Tuesday and Thursday, 214 Barnes Road, Williamstown. Group's purpose is to provide emergency help, including food, clothing and furniture to needy families. Call 859-823-0286 for more information.

Dry Ridge Reuse Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday, 22 Warsaw Road, Dry Ridge. Non-profit offers new and used discounted building materials and home goods for sale to the public. Call Pastor Troy at 859-803-6043 for more information.

HOPE (Helping Out People Everywhere) - 9 - 12 p.m Monday and Friday and 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. 209 Hopperton Lane, Dry Ridge. A non-denominational Christian organization collects and distributes free to those in need. ID required. For more information, call 859-824-0011.

Northern Kentucky Community Action - will assist you signing up for health insurance. Kynectors are available Monday through Friday at the local NKCAC Center. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 859-581-6607.

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CORINTH MAN MARKS OWN POSTAGE - Kerry Skaggs of Corinth drove 50 miles to put the Bethlehem postmark on his Christmas cards as his wife Phyllis watched. The couple said the holiday posts help them get their Christmas celebrations get started right. Photo courtesy of Chris Brooke, Henry County Local

GOT PHOTOS TO SHARE? Do you like to snap photos around Grant County, or of your family or community events? Then, share them with the Grant County News by sending to: gcneditorial@grantky.com.

EDUCATION

GED Studies - Adult education classes are available at the Career Advancement Center, 2020 Taft Hwy. (the former JMB Center) in Dry Ridge. New transportation, child care services and evening classes are now available to GED students! All GED instruction is free. Call for more information at 823-1341 and visit www.grantged.com.

EXERCISE/FITNESS

Yoga for Grant County - 4 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Grant County Martial Arts. I-75 Outlet Mall. 5 p.m., Power Yoga. Classes by appointment only. 3:30 p.m., free intro to yoga the first Monday of each month. Call 859-824-7586, e-mail angelssandbox@yahoo.com or follow Yoga for Grant County of Facebook.

Yoga - 6 - 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays. Lloyd's Welfare House, Crittenden. Space is limited. For more information or to register call 859-428-YOGA (9642) or email at youniqueinnergyyoga@fuse.net.

Martial Arts - 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Traditional Shao-lin Do Kung Fu. 5 p.m. Little Dragons (6 and under, children); 5:30 p.m. (6 and up, beginner to intermediate class); 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays (advanced class). 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Tai Chi (all levels). Call 859-824-GCMA (4262) or follow us on Facebook.

Body Works Gym - (Fashion Ridge Road, Dry Ridge). Mondays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m.; core - 7 p.m.; Tuesdays: butts and guts - 6 p.m. zumba - 7 p.m.; Wednesdays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m.; core - 7 p.m.; Thursdays: zumba - 7 p.m.; Fridays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m. and Saturdays: butts and guts - 9 a.m. Non-members - \$3; members - free.

Dry Ridge Dance - 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Cathy Smith at 496-0172. The lessons take place inside Grant County Martial Arts.

GOVERNMENT GATHERINGS

Grant County Conservation District Board of Supervisors- 6:30 p.m. Jan. 1. USDA Service-Center, 486 Helton St., Williamstown.

Grant County Library Board of Trustees - 6:30 p.m. Jan. 5. Barnes Road, Williamstown.

GOVERNMENT GATHERINGS CONT.

Corinth City Commission - 7 p.m. Jan. 5. 215

Thomas Lane, Corinth.

Dry Ridge City Council - 6 p.m. Jan. 5. 31 Broadway, Dry Ridge.

Williamstown City Council - 7 p.m. Jan. 5. 400 N. Main, Williamstown.

Grant County Fiscal Court - 7 p.m. Jan. 5. Grant County Courthouse, Williamstown.

Crittenden City Council - 7 p.m. Jan. 6. 117 S. Main, Crittenden.

Grant County Board of Elections - 2 p.m. Jan. 8. Grant County Clerks Office.

Grant County Board of Education 6 p.m. Jan.

Grant County Board of Education - 6 p.m. Jan. 8. 820 Arnie Risen Blvd., Williamstown.

Farm Service Agency (serving Grant and Pendleton counties) - 9 a.m. - Jan. 8. Call 859-654-3374 for more information.

HEALTH

Care Net Pregnancy Services - 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, 305 N. Main, Williamstown. Free pregnancy tests are available, as well as education about options. Call 859-824-0123 for more information.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Grant County Historical Society - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. or by appointment. Friday, Room 8, Grant County Courthouse. Books, documents and other memorabilia pertaining to the history of Grant County, Northern Kentucky and Kentucky are available to the public. Archives of the Capt. John Lillard Chapter of the N.S.D.A.R. are stored here. Appointments can be arranged. Call 859-242-8685 or bb15chips@aol.com for information.

JUST FOR SENIORS

Williamstown Senior Center - Open 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Center manager Joan Cornman: Jan. 1 - closed; Jan. 2 - 10 a.m. Bingo, manipulation; Jan. 5 - 10 reasons to eat oatmeal by Joan, cards; Jan. 6 - 10 a.m. Bridge Club, 10 a.m. Advisory Cousel meeting, cards; Jan. 7 - day trip to Carrollton Outlet Mall, Krogers, lunch at Butler Park. Depart at 9:15 a.m.

Crittenden Senior Citizens - 9 a.m. Wednesdays, in the Crittenden Post Office basement. Call 859-428-0213 for more information.

GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

TO REGISTER FOR A LIBRARY PROGRAM: Call 859-824-2080 or go to www.grantlib.org.

Holiday Toddler Time - 10 a.m. Thursdays.

Preschool Time -11 a.m. Thursdays.

Holiday Story Time - 11 a.m. Thursdays.

Knitting: top-down sweater - 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 4. Are you an experienced knitter wanting to broaden your skill set? Join us as new instructor Cathy Turner teaches how to knit your first sweater using this pattern: Top-Down Sweater. This is a good first-time sweater pattern and we will aim to make a size appropriate for a two-year-old child. You must have experience knitting for this project. No registration is required.



Sew Baby Swaddler - 10 to 10:30 a.m., 10:30 to 11 a.m., 11 to 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 to noon. Jan. 10. Babies love to feel secure and you can help them by making this simple baby swaddler for your own baby or to give as a gift. The finished product will be 22 inches in height and can be made from simple cotton or flannel. Pattern provided. Bring your own sewing machine or use one of the library's. You bring the fabric, we supply all the rest.

You will need to bring:

2/3 yard of cotton or flannel for the outer fabric

5/8 yarrd of cotton or flannel for the inner fabric

SUPPORT GROUPS

Journey Through Grief - 10:30 a.m. Jan. 5. Call Faye Dungan at 859-823-1681 for more information

AA (Alcoholic Anonymous) - 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Dry Ridge Christian Church.

WEIGHT LOSS

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) - Weighin begins at 9 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. Fridays. Meeting is held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. St. William Catholic Church, 6 Church St., Williamstown. For information call Joyce at 859-654-2211.

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) - Weigh-in begins at 5:45 p.m. with the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Dry Ridge Toyota, 18 Taft Hwy. Call Verla Patton at 859-242-2773 or Faye Harvey at 859-428-2028.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs - 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday. Grant County Courthouse, Williamstown. Staff will assist veterans and widows/widowers of veterans in filing federal and state benefits. A copy of the veteran's discharge papers will be needed. For more information or to make an appointment, call 859-282-8583.





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GRAND CANYON - Willie and Elsie Cook of Corinth and Valerie, Nathanael and Raymond Cook had a great time visiting the Grand Canyon and took the Grant County News along for the ride.



2014: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

MARCH

- Ken Ham, president and CEO of Answers in Genesis, announces that enough funds have been raised to allow for the start of construction of the Ark Encounter in May.
- Grant County Braves win the district basketball tournament with wins of rival WHS and Simon Kenton.
- Grant County Schools cancel spring break after missing the 22nd day because of inclement weather.
- Jacob Sharp of Crittenden was arrested in connection with a home invasion where the wheelchair-bound victim was allegedly tied up in his bathroom. • Fire destroys the Dry Ridge home of William Dailey.
- Former Grant County Schools superintendent James "Jimmy Joe" Gardner dies at his home in Oklahoma.
- GCHS Braves basketball fall in overtime in the regional tournament opener to Collins to finish the season with a 15-14 record.
- Grant County Youth Wrestling finishes second at the Kentucky State Tournament in Lexington.
- The local chapter of the American Red Cross presents Nancy Owens of Crittenden with the Good Samaritan Award for helping a choking child by performing the Heimlich maneuver.
- Morehead State University senior Joseph Lorenz, 23, of Covington, was killed in an accident with a tractor trailer on Interstate 75 in Grant County.
- H.O.P.E. (Helping People Out Everywhere) holds a candlelight vigil to remember those lost from heroin and other drugs.
- Former Dry Ridge pain clinic owner Ernest William Singleton is sentenced to 20 years in prison for illegally distributing prescription drugs to thou-
- Williamstown resident Melissa Hemingway received non life-threatening injuries when her vehicle collided with a train in Richwood.
- A Florida man was arrested after a traffic stop led to the discovery of \$2 million in stolen computers and equipment.

- · Law passes giving relief to Grant County and other school districts around state who have missed mounds of snow days.
- Long-time bookkeeper for Grant County Deposit Bank, Linda Penick pleads guilty to bank embezzlement.
 - Grant County Adult Education Center holds open house.
- Community says farewell to Grant County News publisher Ken Stone at his retirement party.
- Grant County Detention Center inmate Steven Price is back in custody less than 24 hours after leaping off the roof of the jail and escaping.
- The Grant County News and Grant County Chamber of Commerce sponsor the annual Meet the Candidates forum for the May primary election.
- The Grant County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet recognizes several community members, including Ken Stone (Grant Countian of the Year), Deanna Cummins (Excellence in Education), the Grant County Little League Board (Volunteer of the Year) and Carolyn Thompson of State Farm Insurance (Excellence in Business.)
- High water due to heavy rain causes flooding on Russell Flynn and Hea-
- GCHS student Nolan Calhoun and WHS student Andrew Davis chosen for Western Kentucky University's Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science.
- Former University of Kentucky Wildcats players visit area schools for "School is Cool" program.
- Grant County Detention Center captain Steven Skinner is charged with fourth-degree assault after an alleged domestic dispute with his wife.

JULY

- · Crescent Springs resident Arthur DeCarvalho, who is wanted in Grant County for sending life-threatening messages to a local woman, is charged in Florida with murder.
- Dry Ridge City Council adds \$40,000 to fire department budget as fiscal year winds down.
- New York Times best-selling author Linda Castillo visits the Grant County Public Library.
- Williamstown Independent Schools serve up free breakfast and lunch for all students as part of an expanded federal program.
- Barber Clyde Oliver hangs up scissors as he retires after 50-year
- · Kentucky Department of Agriculture names Grant County Fair one of the Most Progressive Fairs in state.
- A Dry Ridge Speedway clerk is injured in an armed robbery.
- Two juveniles face charges in break-ins at Open Door Baptist Church in Dry Ridge.
- Dry Ridge resident Shaun Hiles charged with murders of his estranged wife, 33-year-old Nicole Hiles, and 32-year-old Larry Whiteker.
- Former Grant County Deposit Bank senior vice president sentenced to a year in prison for bank embezzlement.
- Hayley Leach wins Miss Grant County Fair while Danielle Hoop
- wins Miss Grant County at annual Grant County Fair.
- The Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission moves to
- new location at 1116 North Main St.



OCTOBER

- Hepatitis C cases on rise in northern Kentucky as heroin epidemic
- The Northern Kentucky Community Action Grant County Center names Garrett griffith new manager.
- Body of man believed to be missing Dry Ridge resident Randall Russ found in Fleming County, two men charged with murder.
- Williamstown resident Steven Hess dies after a train struck a dump
- truck he was driving in Boone County.
- Corinth resident Dennis Peare dies from multiple injuries from a head-on vehicle collision.
- · Grant County hosts first-ever Explore the Mud 5-K at the Northern Kentucky Fairgrounds in Williamstown.
- Town hall meeting at Grant County High School focus on solutions for drug abuse
- GCHS golfer Cody Kellam places 10th in the state tournament. GCHS girls golfer Macy Wright finishes 20th in state tournament. WHS golfer Hannah Scroggins also competed.
 - Grant County Park in Crittenden hosts annual Alzheimer's Walk.
- Police bust meth lab at Locust Ridge Apartments in Dry Ridge. • Grant County, Williamstown school district earn proficient marks in
- state assessment and accountability system.
- Annual Monster Mash helps county celebrate Halloween at Grant County Park.
- Grant County and Williamstown volleyball teams end seasons after falling in district tournament.



MAY

- The developers of the Bluegrass Pipeline, which would snake across 200 miles of Kentucky, including parts of southern Grant County, put the controversial project on indefinite hold.
- · Site excavation for the Ark Encounter begins in Williamstown.
- · Grant County observes the annual National Day of Prayer.
- The City of Williamstown hosts the Derby Day Festival. Grant County Braves complete season sweep of crosscounty rival WHS in baseball.
- Law enforcement arrest 19 in a drug roundup in Grant
- The estate of inmate Danny Ray Burden, who suffered medical issues at the jail and ultimately died, files a lawsuit

in connection with his death.

- Winners in the May primary election include: Richard Austin and Steve Wood (judge-executive), Rusty Willoughby, Jacqalynn Riley, Wanda Hammons, Shawna Coldiron and Bobby Newman (magistrates), Chris Hankins (jailer) and Tabatha Clemons and Missy Preston (county clerk.)
- Dry Ridge resident Laurel Kenney Jr. arrested for indoor marijuana grow operation in his home.
- WHS Lady Demons softball end season with loss to Walton in district tournament.
- The Southwest Ohio Regional, District Law Enforcement Explorer Competition comes to Grant County.

GCHS baseball and softball teams advance to regional

JUNE

- Tempers flare after Grant County Fiscal Court meeting after Judge-Executive Darrell Link allegedly "bumps" sheriff's deputy, video of incident posted on YouTube. • Grant County Fiscal Court passes 2014-15 budget despite
- objections by sheriff's office.
 - WHS senior Skyler Faulkner declared cancer-free.
- U.S. 25 Yard Sale brings bargain hunters to Grant County and surrounding areas.
- Forcht Bancorp. reaches an agreement to purchase Grant County Deposit Bank.
- Annual Grant County Relay for Life event raises money in fight against cancer. • Korean War soldier Paul Marshall Gordon laid to rest at
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North in Williamstown. Nancy Livingood named principal at Crittenden-Mt. Zion
- Grant County and Williamstown High School seniors cel-
- ebrated graduation with ceremonies.
- Vandals paina graffiti at Grant County Park in Crittenden. UK basketball Coach John Calipari visits Wildcats and
- More store in Dry Ridge for a book signing.

AUGUST

- Grant County Jailer Terry Peeples accused of sexual assault and harassment by deputy jailer Jessica Jump. • The Kentucky Tourism Board approves \$18 million in
- incentives for the Ark Encounter. Williamstown Independent Schools prepares with Ken-
- tucky State Police active shooter training. Candidates for city races set as filing deadline for No-
- vember election passes. Pendleton County resident Gregory Tolbert dies when
- his vehicle strikes a tree on Falmouth Road. Grant County and Williamstown Independent students
- return to classes for 2014-15 year. Pete Whaley resigns from Williamstown Independent
- School Board after his wife chosen for employment by district. John Preston named principal at Grant County Middle School
- Correy Eimer named director of Northern Kentucky University-Grant County Center after retirement of long-time director Betsy John-Jennings.
 - The City of Williamstown host Paddlefest 2014.

SEPTEMBER

- · Grant County Middle Schools opens new year with renovations and upgrades.
- Police begin search for missing Dry Ridge resident Randall Russ.
- Grant County Sheriff's Office receives boost from drone-like aerial device. • Ridge Against Addiction motorcycle ride raises funds
- for heroin addiction services. Grant County Jail inmate Uriah Snyder escapes facility.
- · Corinth resident Hames Adkins faces charges in Dollar General robbery. WHS graduate John Siedenberg takes over as general
- manager of Kincaid Regional Theatre.
- Grant County hosts annual Senior Bash at Grant County Park in Crittenden. · Murder suspect Shaun Hiles enters not guilty plea in
- deaths of his 33-year-old estranged wife, Nicole Hiles, and 32-year-old Larry Whiteker. Dedication held for Vietnam Veterans monument at

American Legion Post 137 in Williamstown.

NOVEMBER

- Steve Wood elected next Grant County judge-executive over Richard Austin as a completely new fiscal court is voted in. Other election winners include Jacqalynn Riley, Shawna Coldiron and Bobby Newman (magistrates), Chris Hankins (jailer), Tabatha Clemons (clerk), Jim Wells (Dry Ridge mayor) and R. Leslie Knight (circuit judge).
- WHS Band of Spirit wins state marching band title, GCHS Band places runner-up.
- Glencoe resident Amy Martin causes multi-vehicle accident in Dry Ridge while fleeing Wal-Mart after allegedly shoplifting from the store.
- Grant County Braves football finish season with 1-8-1 re-
- Grant County High School cross country team qualifies three for state, including Molly Howell, Derick Gouge and Jemi-
- Braves boys soccer finishes with 10-7 record after losing in regional tournament opener. Lady Braves also fall in regionals.
 - Well-known Grant County resident and conservationist

- State audit report shows several issues with the inmate trust fund and jail commissary at the Grant County Detention Center.
- Grant County Schools approved a waiver by the Kentucky Department of Education to allow district to use virtual or other non-traditional instruction when school is cancelled because of weather.
- Grant County honors veterans with several ceremonies at schools and at the Northern Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North
- · Two female deputy jailers file lawsuit against Jailer Terry Peeples for sexual harassment.
- Crittenden resident Rani Peffer returns to the TV game show Jeopardy for the Tournament of Champions.
- Bob Wallace of Grant County Drugs celebrates 50 years of pharmacy service.
- Three Ohio men arrested after attempting to steal all-terrain vehicles from Dry Ridge Polaris.

DECEMBER

- · Charles Black of Hillsboro and Kevin Howard of Owingsville are indicted on murder charges in connection with body believed to be Dry Ridge resident Randall Russ. Police are still awaiting positive identification of the body.
- William Peacher of Ohio dies from injuries in a vehicle accident on Interstate 75 in Crittenden.
- Local law enforcement participate in annual Shop with a Cop program. Grant County Career Advancement Center celebrates
- one-year anniversary. State pulls tax incentives from Ark Encounter due to alleged hiring practices that utilize religious beliefs. Devel-
- opers say project is still coming to Grant County.
- Veterans' graves honored with wreaths in annual Wreaths For Christmas program.

VIEWPOINT

WORTH REPEATING:

"Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement and success have no meaning." - Benjamin Franklin

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What is a column?

A column is one person's opinion on any given issue, published as a regular feature of the newspaper. The staff of the Grant County News take turns writing a weekly column which is called Personally Speaking.

How can I submit a letter to the editor?

Letters to the editor can be handwritten, typed or in e-mail form. Letters should be 300 words or less.

Letters to the editor must contain the writer's name, address and phone number. Just one letter per month is allowed per writer, unless it is a response to a previous letter.

Send letters to: gcneditorial@grantky.com or to P.O. Box 247, Williamstown, Ky. 41097 or drop off at 129 S. Main, Suite B in Dry Ridge.

Letters with libelous content will not be published. Letters are edited for grammar, clarity and length if they are over 300 words.

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GUEST COLUMN

2014 State of Grant County Address

aking Grant County a better place to live - to work - to raise a family is truly a team effort. No one person can do it alone. That's why I would like to begin by taking a moment to recognize and say thanks to the magistrates on our Fiscal Court and all of our county employees who work hard every day to make Grant County a better place and a better home. Thank you for the contributions you're making - every day - to help Grant County grow and pros-

Seventeen years ago, in 1998, when I first asked you to consider giving me the opportunity to serve you as judge/executive, I informed you that my job was to build and rebuild the infrastructure in Grant County that would improve the quality of life for all who live and work here. I informed you that I would accomplish this monumental task not by increasing the tax rate or by creating new taxes, but instead that I would aggressively pursue every grant and state and federal allocation that existed. Simply, I said that I would bring money home. I also told you that by adopting good growth policies, land management policies and proper planning, that the values of your properties would increase and as a result, all of us would be more prosperous, and with a clear vision that you too would have greater confidence to invest in land, homes, farms, businesses and schools.

It is with delight that I can say that those promises were kept. The first building that was built was the Grant County Library, then a new jail that would house inmates from other counties that would offset the expense of incarcerating our own (today the jail has a balanced budget), we built a modern Sheriff's office and merged city police departments that standardized operations and increased safety for the officers and the public, then we took on the deplorable condition of our animal shelter and we built a new animal shelter in close proximity to the jail so we could utilize inmate labor to care for those abandoned animals. As a matter of fact, we received not one, not two, but three grants and have expanded the animal shelter three times and today our animal shelter is noted as a model in this state for other counties to visit and emulate. Then we built a 14 million dollar judicial center (paid for by the state), and by purchasing the old extension district property, it facilitated us to build a new extension building. As you know, we maintained a unsightly old road department building on our new interstate exchange on Barnes Road. and so I was delighted to acquire property by utilizing state funds in Dry Ridge and build a new road department building that you can be proud of and also better deliver transportation services to you since two thirds of our population lives north of Williamstown.

Moreover, some of you may remember that, only 40 percent of our households in Grant County had access to city water and most were still having water hauled to their homes, and in some cases, were storing water in unsanitary systems such as cisterns and old ground

A GUEST COLUMN

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Darrell LINK

Guest Columnist

wells. Today, all of Grant County has access to clean, safe, healthy and affordable potable water as result of us aggressively pursuing grants through the Governors' budget, KIA, and the Rural Home administration. In addition to this valued expansion of infrastructure, we created a county sanitation district and have expanded the sanitation system in our heaviest residential area between and around the cities of Crittenden and Dry Ridge. In concert with that, we partnered with the Northern Independent Health District and obtained grants to replace straight pipes in our rural areas that were contaminating our largest creeks and streams.

In addition to those expansions, we partnered with the City of Williamstown and our water districts and installed antennas on our water towers and other key areas in the rural area which facilitated in giving everyone in our county the opportunity to fast internet service at an affordable price.

We partnered with our schools and provided snow removal service so that our schools can focus on education, and we partnered with two of our cities and provide snow service and road maintenance saving those cities and the school districts thousands of dollars each year. Moreover, we partnered with our cities and merged one and two man city police departments into the sheriff's department which put all of law enforcement under one manager and provided consistencies in policies which not only made you safer but also provided for greater safety and faster backup to our officers. Finally, we merged the building inspectors office in each city into the county program and provided consistency to our construction managers and residential builders and lowered the tax burden to city residents.

A quick review of the transportation system reveals that we replaced seven bridges at a cost greater than \$20 million, and built low grade crossings over every creek so that no one would be isolated because of high water after a heavy rain. Moreover, we obtained over \$4.5 million dollars from the Transportation Cabinet that provided us the opportunity to blacktop more roads, to widen more roads, to install more culverts and remove blind spots all of which makes for safer traveling throughout our county.

We become the third county in the state to achieve the status of "Clean County" and removed all of the illegal dumps, provided low cost access to weekly pickup of trash, and provided you free service annually to properly discard appliances, hazardous waste and used tires and overall created a solid waste department that is unrivaled throughout the Commonwealth and was recognized in 2004 by the Environment Quality Commission for Did you know that we have made

tremendous progress in individual and corporate health by making our public buildings non-smoking, by working with our schools to make our school campuses non-smoking, by promoting better health practices through our annual "Get Up, Get Out and Get Fit" program, by supporting Fitness for Life around Grant County (FFLAG) and partnering with our schools and local health departments to place nurses in every school.

Have you also noticed the expansion of parks that were only located in our cities - yet, now we have parks in our rural areas such as Mt. Zion, Jonesville, and the Memorial field adjacent to the National Veterans Cemetery. Our Parks Department greatly expanded programs to include all ages with annual programs such as our Senior Bash, Monster Mash, Summer Splash, Back to School Programs, Girls on the Run, Toddler and Tyke Camps and Monthly Movies in the

This message presents a unique opportunity to examine where we have been and where we are today. However, where we are going will be left directly up to you as we approach 2015 and beyond with new county leadership. Nevertheless, I can say this in all confidence; "The Ark Encounter" construction is under way, and this tourist attraction coming to Grant County is scheduled to open in 2016. This attraction will help our local economy because it will provide for 965 jobs when it is fully opened. In addition, it will provide for jobs indirectly in the tourist industry such as Motels and Restaurants. Moreover, there will be entrepreneurs' that will start up business to meet the traveling needs of those who visit the Ark Encounter and stay overnight.

You may be wandering about the inconvenience of travel in and around Williamstown, but I am delighted to report that over \$10 million dollars has already been set aside to improve exit 154 so that traffic flows without stopping and that everyone should move through the area without inconvenience. We have also placed on the transportation plan a dotted line corridor that will connect the west end of Barnes Road to Highway 36 that will further enhance traffic flow.

Yes, I'm proud of what we've accomplished. We're jobs. We're attracting investments. We're building on our Golden Triangle legacy as a key partner as a regional economic engine. In short, we're digging ourselves out of the Great Recession despite the the barriers and challenges placed upon us by state and federal government.

But we should never say we are finished or be satisfied with the status quo. No one could say our job is complete and no one should stop learning in this journey, no matter how many past successes and achievements' we have enjoyed. Never be distracted by what people say we can't do, but rather continue to focus on "together" what we can do if we work together, cast a clear vision, and be open minded to an ever changing world.

Therefore, I believe that even better and greater days are ahead for Grant County and I thank you for the opportunity to have served.

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DOWN AND DIRTY

Are your bad gardening habits persisting?

e all have bad habits. Some people chew their fingernails; others mow their grass too short in the summer. You can guess which one bugs me the most. The odd thing about many of the worst bad habits in the garden is that they have become so commonplace. The worst offenses are repeated everywhere to the extent that gardeners think they are

Over-mulching, for example, has been an epidemic problem for many years despite the fact that research spells out trouble for our plants when we bury their roots under a foot of hardwood mulch. We are told not to do it because it prevents oxygen from reaching the root system, and thick layers of mulch become hydrophobic, repealing water instead of moderating soil moisture. Still, people over-mulch. I'll be frank, two



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Weekend Gardener

to three inches is all that should be put down, more than that and you are contributing to the eventual decline of your plants. When another stress factor comes along, like prolonged drought, the root systems of your over mulched plants will not be able to respond efficiently. You may want to reconsider what kind of mulch you use, as well. Look at some larger textured mulch this year, like pine bark nuggets or pine straw. Large textured mulch allows for better oxygen and water penetration.

Another common problem in our landscapes is that woody plant material is planted too deep. If you look around and added it all up (I've done this) at least 75 percent of the trees and shrubs in any given landscape are planted a tad too deep. There is not much to do about it now, especially if a tree has been in the ground for several years but you can pull away any loose soil that may be around the base of the plant and you must be careful not to over mulch. How can you tell if a plant is planted too deep?

Lawn fertilization

The best sign is if you see no flare at the base of the trunk. If it looks like a telephone pole sticking out of the ground, it is planted too deep. If a non-suckering shrubs starts to sucker, it is planted too deep.

In 2015 when you plant woody plants be sure you shake away the soil from the container and you find the natural flare of the plant. It is a good thing to see some roots at the soil surface when planting; allow for a little settling once it is in the ground. And, in order to spread the good cheer, if you don't do the planting, nicely remind your landscaper "please, don't plant it too deep". My husband plants trees for a living so I don't have to seem like the bossy wife; he already knows!

The other thing that seems to continue on good faith, which it shouldn't, is spring lawn fertilization. There are a number of reasons why this is not a good practice. First, it is a waste of your money with no real benefit to your lawn. If you must fertilize your lawn, do so in the fall when all the nutrients actually help the turf develop a stronger root system. The advertisements tell us to load on all sorts of things in the spring but consider this: Our spring rains usually wash all of this highly soluble stuff right into the storm drains and into our creeks, streams and lakes. Lawn and garden chemicals and fertilizers are major offenders when it comes to water pollution. The good news, however, is that many agronomists say that good management practices like regular mowing habits at the height of two and a half to three inches are all you need to do to maintain a healthy lawn. So, you may want to forgo fertilization this year and see if it really makes a difference in the end. Here's to some extra good habits in 2015; and to good health, peace and a bountiful harvest.

(Jeneen Wiche is an avid gardener from Shelbyville. She can be reached at Jwiche@ shelbybb.net. or at www.SwallowRailFarm.com)

ANOTHER PLACE IN TIME



Welcome to a new Another Place In Time photo. Do you know anyone who is featured in the photo? If so, call your guesses into the Grant County News at 859-824-3343. If you've got an old photo, you'd like to see featured in the News, bring it to the News office. Photos

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

can be scanned and returned in the same visit.

15 Years

Dec. 30, 1999

The cost of 911 service in Grant County went from .99 cents to \$2. The 911 budget committee (composed of mayors and the judge-executive) approved a \$1.01 increase by May. The increase means that Grant Countians will pay \$24 annually for 911 service.

The city of Crittenden accepted an offer of \$10,000 on Oct. 4 from SprintCom to place a cell tower on property located at the north end of town. Grant County had several applications and public hearings for cell tower placement this year.

25 Years

Jan. 4, 1990

Beth Lynn Knight, daughter of Dorothy Penick Knight and the late John E. Knight took part in graduation ceremonies at Eastern Kentucky University. Knight graduated Cum Laude and was selected Outstanding Occupational Therapy Student of the Class.

Kenneth M. Juett was presented with a Proclamation at the Bank of Williamstown's party awarding 'Bubby' Juett "Director Emeritus" status in recognition of his over 39 years of service to the bank and the

54 Years

Jan. 2, 1969

One happy winner from Grant County in the recent 'Everyone Wants Something Electrical' contest received his prize. Cliff Baker, sales promotion manager of the Union Light Heat and Power Company presented a portable television set to Cecil Sargent of Dry Ridge.

Armour treet for 49 cents, Stokley kraut 2 for 35 cents, Hunts Catsup for 29 cents, Airmail tomatoes 6 for 99 cents, Dole pineapple grapefruit juice 3 for 89 cents, Clorox bleach for 19 cents. New cabbage 10 cents a pound. Easy parking in Mason.

Ask Us

Do you have a question about an issue affecting Grant County? If so, send to: Ask Us and the staff of the Grant County News will try to find an

answer. Names will not be published, but a first name, phone number or e-mail address may help us clarify what type of information you are requesting. Send questions to: jbakernantz@grantky.com or at our website at www. grantky.com.

They can also be mailed to: P.O. Box 247, Williamstown, Ky. 41097.



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FAITH & VALUES

GRACE NOTES Keeping Mama happy

aybe you've heard the Southern saying, "If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy.' It's one of my favorite sayings. First of all, I like saying ain't. (It makes me happy.)

Second, since I truly want others to be happy, it's good to know the way to achieve that is to make myself happy first. For the good of mankind, it's a sacrifice I'm willing to make.

I have a long history of trying to make myself happy, long before I even had thoughts of being a mama. I well remember one time in particular when I was in junior high and decided a surprise party for my birthday would make me happy beyond words.

Several months before my birthday, I started dropping hints to my friends, including passing notes in class to my best friend Cheryl Peterson that said: "Only 43 days until Nancy's birthday. Plan her surprise party NOW."

I also let everyone know my favorite cake flavor (coconut or spice cake) and gifts of choice (Beatles records or Yardley Slicker lip gloss). I was relentless with my surprise birthday party campaign.

Being a junior high drama student, I even practiced my Emmy-winning reaction performance. ("A surprise party? For me?")

Maybe my friends loved me or maybe I wore them down with all my "hinting." Maybe even back in 8th grade God had mercy on my happiness-seeking soul. Whatever the reason, on the Saturday before my birthday I walked into my house and, as per my instructions, all my friends leaped out and yelled, "Surprise!"

Of course I feigned surprise (after all, I had been practicing my mad junior high drama skills), but of course I wasn't surprised.

Not only wasn't I surprised, but the party didn't make me as ecstatically happy as I had supposed it

We still had a good party. We dumped Kentucky Fried Chicken gravy on a neighbor's driveway, rang



Nancy KENNEDY

Grace Notes

the doorbell and then when the neighbors

came outside, Garrett Parkinson pretended to throw up and we all ran away. We tossed each other in the pool with our clothes on and played records, but it didn't make me happy beyond words. King Solomon expe-

rienced the same thing, minus the KFC fake vomit gravy prank. He had it all - money, power, sex, honor, lots of stuff. Anything you or I have on our wish list, he had, yet he still wasn't happy.

He wrote, "I thought in my heart, 'Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.' But that also proved meaningless" (Ecclesiastes 2:1). He tried fine wine and impressive building projects, planted vineyards and gardens, owned slaves and herds and flocks, amassed fortunes and harems and became greater than anyone alive.

He denied himself nothing, refused his heart no pleasure or desire. However, when he had done it all he surveyed his life and came to the conclusion that it had all been "chasing the wind."

In other words, what a rip off. But not really. Not ultimately.

God has made the universe work in such a way that whenever you or I chase after the thing or things that we think will make us happy beyond words, once we get them, there's usually still a void. There's still an unscratched itch.

The irony is, as I've discovered, I'm happiest when I'm not pursuing my own happiness or well being, but pursuing the well being of someone else. I suspect that's true of you, too.

This past Christmas my husband and I did not exchange gifts but instead bought a slew of toys and clothes for a 4-year-old girl we've never met, and my husband was so happy I thought he would burst. (Seeing that made me happy.)

A few weeks ago my pastor reminded us that the happiest person who ever lived was Jesus who, "for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross."

"His joy was you," the pastor said.

Jesus also told his followers, "Whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?" (Luke 9:24-25).

Another Bible translation says, "Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you?

Being reminded of that made me happy beyond words and a little more willing and even eager to give up my "if Mama ain't happy" way of doing life.

What makes you happy?

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Contributors wanted

The Grant County News is looking for local pastors or youth ministers who would like to write a rotating column for the Religion page. Anyone interested should call 824-3343 to make an appointment to have a photo taken that will appear with the column.

CHURCH NOTES

Bethany Baptist

- 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. worship service and 7 p.m. evening
- Pastor Donald Joe Kannady
- The church is located at 7770 Lawrenceville Road in Holbrook. For more information, call 859-391-5993.

Canby Tabernacle

- Pastor Belve Barger -The church is located on Highway 330 West.
- Sunday services are 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. worship service and 6:30 p.m. fellowship and Bible Study.
- Wednesday service at

Christ Community Assembly of God

- Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at
- The Assembly of God church is located at 139 North Main Street in Williamstown. For more information, call 859-394-2586.

Corinth Christian

- Pastor -Quin-McNabb. Wednesday Bible
- study at 7 p.m. Genesis chapters 9, 10 and 11. • Sundays - Sunday School at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; choir practice at 5:30 p.m.; evening worship at 6:30 p.m.
- Christmas Cantata will be presented at 11 a.m. on Dec. 21. For more information, call 859-824-3278.

Corinth Shiloh Full Gospel

- Pastor Gary Gross
- Sunday services 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. church service at 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 6:30 p.m.
- The church is located at 266 Keefer Road in Corinth.

Crittenden Baptist

- Sunday services -Groups/Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.; Kidstown Children's Ministry at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m. by Pastor Doug Miller; evening worship and youth at 6 p.m.
- Tuesdays morning Bible study at 9 a.m., except last Tuesday of each month
- Women on Missions at 10 a.m. last Tuesday of each month.

Crittenden Christian Disciples of Christ

- All are welcome at Crittenden Christian Church. To learn more about the church, contact the church at 859-428-2210 or go to www.crittendenchristian.com.
- Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. and every Tuesday-Bible study begins at 10:30 a.m.

Dry Ridge Baptist

- The church office will be closed for Christmas on Dec. 24 through Dec. 26.
- The church now has an adult Bible study at noon and 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.
- Jan. 4 Deacons will meet at 4 p.m. Jan. 6 -Lydia
- will meet at 7 p.m. • Jan. 7 - Adult Bible Study will resume noon and again at 6 p.m.

Dry Ridge Christian (Disciples of Christ)

- For more information on Pastor Bob's Too Busy Not To Pray prayer study, call the church at 859-823-1303, visit Dry Ridge Christian on Facebook or visit Pastor Bob at silvan-
- ik@earthlink.net. Organ by Maestro
- Wednesdays Recovery is Possible AA meeting

• Sunday - Early service (informal) at 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.; morning worship (traditional) at 10:45 a.m.

Dry Ridge Presbyterian

- The church is located at 15 Warsaw Avenue in Dry Ridge.
- Sundays Traditional worship at 11 a.m. • For more information
- call the church at 859-824-5622 or visit the website at www.dryridgepresbyterian.com.

Family Worship Center

• Jan. 14 - Special Wednesday Satur8 Service at 6:58 p.m.- praise, worship, communion, coffee and desserts. All other Wednesday evening services through Dec. and Jan.are cancelled.

First Love

- For counseling or mentoring, call 242-2670. • Join us on Facebook at
- First Love Community fellowship for devotions, information of upcoming events and service times.
- Visit the website http://www.firstloveky.org/ for vice times, events, sermons and much more.
- Small group service at 6 p.m. on Sundays; studying the Walk of Repentance.

Grant County Prays • Jan. 13 – A group of

women connecting with God, each other and the community meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Comfort Inn in Dry Ridge for prayer, fellowship and refreshments.

God's Community • God's Community

- has moved to 4025 Humes Ridge Road. The first service will be the New Year's Eve service from 9 p.m. to midnight on Dec. 31. • Pastor - Landon Scott.
- Sunday School at 10 a.m. worship services at 11 a.m.; SWAT Youth at 11:30 a.m. and evening worship services at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.

Harvest Apostolic • Service times are at

- 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays and at 7 p.m. on Thursdays.
- The HAC Outreach is still collecting non-perishable food donations. The food will be distributed to families in need. Bring a food item to each service and bless those who are struggling.

Grassy Run Baptist • Sundays - RA's and

GA's meet at 6 p.m.

Lystra Church of Christ

• Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m.

Mason Baptist

- Pastor James Sears
- Service times are Sunday school at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; evening worship at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study and prayer at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday young Bible warriors at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 859-824-0337. • Mondays - Celebrate
 - Recovery training meetings at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. • Adult on Missions

meetings are at 5 p.m. ev-

ery second Wednesday of

the month. • Dec. 28 - Observance of the Lord's Supper

Mt. Olivet Christian • Mt. Olivet is having

services at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays at Grant County High School in the auditorium. Children's Church, Wee Church and nursery services are still available. Wednesday Night Apps

- meet at 6 p.m. at the church on Wednesday evenings. A light meal will be followed by Bible study. Sunday morning services are at 8:45 and 11 a.m.

New Beginnings

- The church is located at 28 Broadway St. in Dry Ridge. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Mark Partin at 824-0947.
- Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday services at 11a.m. Sunday evening services at 6 p.m. Wednesday services at 7 p.m.

New Columbus Methodist • The church is located

at 16140 New Columbus Road in Corinth. For more information, call Pastor Pamela Mann at 606-205-

New Life Apostolic

- Pastor Jonathon Myers. Transportation provided. Contact Bro. Meyers at 859-428-3120.
- Sunday service at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Thursday services at 7 p.m.
- The church is located at 1645 Gardnersville Road in Crittenden.

Oak Ridge Baptist

- · Other ongoing missions projects include Operation Christmas Child, Sunrise Sewing group meets at noon on Tuesdays; box tops and soup labels and gift cards for gift bags.
- Sunday School at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; mission groups at 6 p.m.; evening worship at 6 p.m.; Wednesday prayer service at 6 p.m.

Open Door Baptist Church

• The church is located at 1190 Dry Ridge Road, Dry Ridge (across from Grant County Foods). more information call Pastor Troy Winters at 859-803-6043 or visit the website at www. LeaveChanged.com

Revive

- Revive is a non-denominational church with contemporary services that meets at in the former location of Vineyard (the old Pic Pac Building) on U.S. 25 in Williamstown.
- Sunday services are Sunday 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays- Jr. high youth group (grades fifth through seventh) from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays senior high youth (grades eighth through 12th) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There will also be small group meetings throughout the week to minister to the adult's spiritual needs. Go to the app store and download the "Revive GC" app.
- Co-pastors are Earl Breeden (859-814-7594) and Josh Cummins. • Worship leader: C.J.
- Walters

Sherman Full Gospel

- Jan. 7, Jan. 14, Jan. 21 and Jan. 28 - Blaine Bowman will be teaching seminar at 7 p.m. • Pastor Ray Gaines
 - Sunday School at 10
- a.m., Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m., Sunday night at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church at 859-428-2200. Pastor Ray Gaines
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Church of Christ

Sherman

Traditional service from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.; praise gathering from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and evening service at 7 p.m.

- Jan. 23 through Jan. 25 - CCU Ski Retreat for high school only. Cost is \$95 for room, board and an afternoon of skiing, snow boarding or tubing. There are calendars and greeting cards in the back
- of the sanctuary for sale (\$7 each) to help raise money for this year's mission trip. • When a schedule change is necessary due to weather, notifications will be sent by: one call now phone/email message, on
- For more information about Sherman Church of Christ and the ministries, go to at www.shermancoc.

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Stringtown Christian • The church is located

at 8475 Cordova Road in

- Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning ser-
- vices at 11 a.m.; Sunday night services at 6 p.m. Tabernacle Baptist

• Pastor - Bro. Larry Workman • Sunday School at 10

service at 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. The Potters House

• Located at 115 S.

a.m.; morning worship at

11 a.m.; Sunday evening

(lower level Family Dollar Store) • 859-428-0866 or 391-

Main St. in Crittenden

- 6503 or 802-4545 • Pastor Charles Court-
- Sunday School 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Vine Run Baptist

 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening worship 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday prayer service at 7 p.m. with GA's, RA's, Mission Friends and

• Go to www.vinerun. org for upcoming events.

Violet Ridge Church of Christ

- Shanklin
- Sunday Services Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; evening worship and youth meeting at 6
- · Wednesday Night Bible study and youth meeting at 7 p.m.

Williamstown

- Baptist Family Wednesday night meal and activities for all ages from 5 to 7 p.m. Reservations for the meal need to be received
- by 10 a.m. on Mondays. • Sunday School at 10 a.m.; evening service at 6:30 p.m.
- Youth group meets at 5 p.m. on Sundays for grades sixth through 12th.
- More information about the church is available at www.williamstownbaptist.com

Wednesday Night activities will continue this week. Come join a meal, fellowship and Bible study.

Williamstown United Methodist Worship Alive at 9

• Mondays - Zumba at 6:15 p.m.

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at 6:30 p.m.; praise and

worship team practice at

7:30 p. m. • Fridays - Zumba at 6:15 p.m.

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at 103 South Main Street in Dry Ridge. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Joe Howard at 859-824-6568

RECENT DEATHS **Douglas Wood, 91**

Douglas

Wood

Douglas R. Wood, 91, of Williamstown, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2014 at his home.

He was born in Williamstown on Oct. 15, 1923 and formerly owned and operated Dry Ridge Lumber

Company. He was a member of the Williamstown Methodist Church and was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette Gilliamson Wood; sons, Paul (Krista Lynn) Wood of Paducah (Teresa) Steve

Wood of Williamstown; daughters, Mary Wood of Ypsilanti, Michigan and Melissa (Dave) Schwiegeraht of

Dry Ridge; stepson, William Carl (Sherry) Wood of Lexington; 11 grandchildren; great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Funeral

services were held on Dec. 27, 2014 at the Elliston Stanley Funeral Home Williamstown.

Burial was in the Williamstown Cemetery.

Memorials suggested to the Grant County Animal Shelter.

Alma Collins, 85

Alma Neal Collins, 85, of Cynthiana, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014 at her residence.

She was the daughter of the late William Bruce Mae Corniela

Maples Neal, a retired nurse for the Palm Beach Memorial Hospital and Grant County Hospital and a member of the Riverview Baptist Church.

On Dec.15, 1945 she was united in marriage to C. B. Collins, Jr.

who preceded her in death in 1978. She was also preceded in death by three chil-

dren, Ronnie, Douglas and Deborah Collins; Karl brothers. Beuford Neal and a sister, Mildred Lowe.

Survivors include her

daughters, Neva (Mike) Hays of Berry, Sandra (Fred Edwards) Franks and Susan C. Race, both of Cynthiana and Pamela (Jack Reid) Hart of Jupiter, Florida; sons, C.

B. Collins, III of Alpharetta, Georgia, Kevin (Lynda) Collins of Arlington, Texas and Tony (LeAnn)Collins Williamstown; 21 grandchildren; 24 greatgrandchildren and seven great great-grandchildren.



vices were held on Dec. 30, 2014 at the Elliston-Stanley Funeral Home in Williamstown.

Burial was in the Williamstown Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of the Bluegrass, 1317 US HWY 62E, Cynthiana, KY 41031.

Nora Sturgeon, 84

Nora Mae Sturgeon, 84, of Williamstown, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2014 at the Grant Center Nursing Home in Williamstown.

Survivors include a sister, Hilda Varner of Dry Ridge.

Dry Ridge.

Funeral Services were held on Dec. 26 at the Eckler-McDaniel Funeral Home in Dry Ridge.

Burial was in the Broad Ridge Cemetery in

BUILDING PERMITS

Erika Sanchez, 665 Spillman Drive, addition, 224 square feet, estimated cost \$10,000; permit fee \$62.26.

•Nov. 6

Alan Buchanan, 860 Lusby Mill, carport, 378 square feet, estimated cost \$895; permit fee \$45.06.

• Nov. 12

Mt. Olivet Christian Church, 4000 Eibeck new church, 21,366 square feet, estimated cost \$1,373,000; permit fee \$2,507.16. • Nov. 13

William Kees, 4060 Stewartsville Road, garage, 1,600 square feet, estimated cost \$25,000; permit fee \$235.16.

James Peck, 4530 Heekin-Lawrenceville Road, new home, 1,246 square feet, estimated cost \$130,000; permit fee \$403.12.

• Donna Covington, 1550 Lusby Mill Road, square feet, estimated cost \$134,000; permit • Nov. 17

doublewide, fee \$115.52.

Housing Authority of Williamstown, 524 and 526 Helton Heights, 12 family apartment building, 13,020 square feet, estimated cost \$1,506,000; permit fee \$2,509.70.

Housing Authority of Williamstown, 528 Helton Heights, six family apartment building, 7,110 square feet; permit fee \$1,509.20.

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• Nov. 24

Ark Encounter, 1000 Eibeck Lane, the Ark, 205,832 square feet, estimated cost \$35,000,500; permit fee \$35,500.

• Nov. 25 Chris Stover, 127

Admiral Drive, addition, 702 square feet, estimated cost \$48,000; permit fee \$200.18.

There were 11 permits issued for construction in November totaling \$44,596.86. There were 22 field inspections, two certificates of occupancy and 595 miles driven.

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Dev. 20. 2001 Spielberg film

21. Covered with frosting 24. Own (Scottish)

27. Model stance 30. Italian greeting

31. Oh, God! 33. Radioactivity unit 34. Feeling of personal worth

35. Befitting a ruler 37. Waterproof raincoat

39. Root mean square (abbr.) 41. Napoleonic island

42. Whale ship captain 44. Put in advance 47. Sensory receptor

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CLUES DOWN Kitchen basin

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38. Gemstone weight units 40. Half pro 43. Past tense of bid

44. Communist China 45. Public mob violence 46. Dutch bulbs

51. Networks (Spanish) 54. Floor cleaner

55. Train for something (informal)

56. Low female voice 57. Coffin stand

58. Sum 60. Pig genus

61. W. hemisphere assoc.

63. Atomic #52

See pg. 2 for answers

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - March 21/April 20 It may seem that you have your head in the clouds, Aries. But you know that you have everything under control. Disregard the critics and keep plugging away.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21 Taurus, look inside yourself for the solution to a problem that has puzzled you. You understand the situation better than anyone else, so bear down and find the solution.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21 There is no easy way out of the work you have to get done, Gemini. Just hunker down and accept that these tasks have to be completed before you can move on.

CANCER - June 22/July 22 You may feel some pressure from higher-ups, Cancer. But don't allow that pressure to distract you from the tasks at hand. You will get things done on time.

LEO - July 23/August 23 Leo, after weeks of running around, it is finally time to kick your feet up and relax. The concept may seem strange to you, but soon enough you will get the hang of it.

VIRGO - August 24/September 22 Virgo, you have been stuck on a problem but the solution is right around the corner. Perhaps you should change your perspective and go about it in a new way.

LIBRA - September 23/October 23 Focus on the positives of a new venture even if you're nervous about the outcome, Libra. If you let negative thoughts slide in you can quickly be overwhelmed.

SCORPIO - October 24/November 22 New possibilities seem to arise out of nowhere, Scorpio. Embrace the good fortune coming your way and make the most of these wonderful and exciting opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS - November 23/December 21 It will take some energy to referee a situation at home, Sagittarius. Strong personalities can clash at times, but you have a way of working through the obstacles. CAPRICORN - December 22/January 20

Don't try to hide your emotions this week, Capricorn. If others know just how you are feeling they will be more likely to offer a helping hand and some valuable advice. AQUARIUS - January 21/February 18 You have an infectious amount of energy this week,

to meet tasks head-on. PISCES - February 19/March 20 Do you feel like you're being pulled in too many directions, Pisces? Let up on accepting any new responsibilities for now.

Aquarius. That will serve you well because many

things are piling up on your to-do list. You're ready

POLICE REPORTS

(Editor's Note: The Grant County News publishes all items in police beat that are submitted from each individual police agency. The News does not omit names from police reports.)

Kentucky State Police

Kentucky State Police Thomas C. charged Mitchell, 28, of Dry Ridge, with possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and failure to notify Department of Transportation of address change, at 12:11 a.m. Dec. 17 on Arbors Drive. Mitchell was lodged at the Grant County Detention

Kentucky State Police charged Robert Aschermann, Williamstown, with being a fugitive form another state, at 7:52 p.m. Dec. 17 on Owenton Road. Aschermann was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Robert F. Ipock,** 36, of Dry Ridge, at 2:58 p.m. Dec. 18 on Dixie Highway. Ipock was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged Brandon Childress, 23, of Dry Ridge, for shoplifting, at 3:14 p.m. Dec. 21 on Ferguson Boulevard. Childress was lodged at the Grant County Detention

Kentucky State Police charged Misty Dawn Jones, 24, of Dry Ridge, at 3:19 p.m. Dec. 21 on Day Road. Jones was lodged at the Grant County Detention

Kentucky State Police charged Jennifer Lykins, 33, Williamstown, with theft by unlawful taking shoplifting over \$500, at 8:29 p.m. Dec. 21 on Ferguson Boulevard.

Trooper Isaac Waters investigated an accident at 4 p.m. Dec. 15 on Grantland Drive. The driver involved was Wavie Renfro, 73, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2004 Chevrolet and a parked vehicle.

Trooper Jason Ritter investigated an accident at 9:33 p.m. Dec. 16 on Day Road. The driver involved was Brandon Fogle, 18, of Williamstown, driving a 1999 Oldsmobile.

Sgt. Brian Guilsoyle investigated an accident at 9:43 a.m. Dec. 19 on Dixie Highway. The drivers involved were Kimberly F. Black, 46, of Crittenden, driving a 2013 Toyota and Randall L. Farrell, 50, of Crittenden, driving a 2011 Chevrolet.

Sgt. Brian Guilsoyle investigated an accident at 2:02 p.m. Dec. 19 on Owenton Road. The driver involved was Shirley Cain, 73, of Williamstown, driving a 2000 PTRB and a parked vehicle.

Sgt. Brian Guilsoyle investigated an accident at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 19 on Taft driver Highway. The involved was Zachary Hogan, 20, of Jonesville, driving a 2007 Toyota. Trooper Rodney Pratt

investigated an accident at 6:06 p.m. Dec. 19 on the Dry Ridge By-pass. The drivers involved were a **juvenile**, 16, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2001 Chevrolet and Dayton McKinney, 50, of Crittenden, driving a 2004 GMC. Charles Trooper

Loudermilk investigated an accident at 6:08 p.m. Dec. 19 on the Dry Ridge By-pass. The drivers involved were Wavie Renfro, 73, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2013 Lincoln and Jacky Adams, 62, of Williamstown, driving a 2001 Mercury. Sgt. Charles Jones inves-

tigated an accident at 7:24 a.m. Dec. 20 on I-75. The drivers involved were **Hector L. Rivera,** 43, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2003 Chevrolet and Amanda Schwind, 38, of Wayne, Ohio, driving a 2012 Chevrolet.

Sgt. Brian Guilsoyle investigated an accident at 7:53 a.m. Dec. 20 on Dixie Highway. The involved was Gary Myers, 62, of Williamstown, driving a 2000 Ford. Sgt. Brian Guilsoyle

investigated an accident at 8:24 a.m. Dec. 20 on Dixie Highway. The driver involved Brandi was Woods, 36, of Corinth, driving a 2005 Pontiac. Trooper Jeremy Moore

investigated an accident at 1:33 p.m. Dec. 20 on Violet Road. The driver involved was **Michelle Heath**, 48, of Crittenden, driving a 2005

Williamstown

Officer Ron Perkins executed a warrant for Tyler J. Carr, 25, of Williamstown, for non-support, at 12:07 p.m. Dec. 15 on Arrowhead Drive. Carr was lodged at the Grant County Detention

Officer Ron Perkins executed a warrant for John A. Huber, 39, of Williamstown, for flagrant non-support, at 3:05 p.m. Dec. 17 on Falmouth Street. Huber was lodged at the Grant County

Detention Center. Officer Matt Boshears charged **David A. Jump,** 42, of Williamstown, with theft by unlawful taking, at 4:02 p.m. Dec. 20 on Ferguson Boulevard. Jump was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Williamstown Police executed two warrants involving out-of-county residents and charged three out-of-county residents with theft by unlawful taking, possession of a controlled substance, fleeing and evading and giving an officer a false name or address.



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GC Boys give fans an early Christmas present

By Tim Seevers Sports Correspondent

There were 15 Braves dressed out Dec. 22 and all 15 saw playing time as the Grant County boy's basketball team treated the fans to an early Christmas present with a 69-50 win over visiting Lloyd Memorial.

"I thought we did a pretty good job playing without our four-year starter, senior point guard Austin Johnson," said Coach Brandon Grammer, adding that Johnson was at home suffering from a virus. "After some first-quarter jitters, the team settled down nicely and did a good job."

Grammar was pleased with how well they played giving praise to a number of his players.

The two teams battled back and forth throughout the first quarter.

Early turnovers plagued both teams. The 2-3 zone defense of the Juggernauts gave the Braves some early trouble but then Cody Kellam broke an early tie with a long-range bomb and Joey Saylor hit another long one with three seconds left in the first quarter to give the Braves the first quarter lead at 20-19.

From there the Braves never looked back.

They outscored their opponent 36-14 in the middle two quarters.

second-quarter The scoring started when Jordan Saylor stole a pass down in the corner and weaved his way through defenders and finished the play with a thunderous dunk that woke up the crowd and the Braves.

From that point on the Braves defense turned into instant offense.

On the night the Braves turned 18 Juggernaut turnovers into 15 points.

On three straight possessions in the middle

of the second quarter, the Braves missed on their initial shot only to have the big man Austin Schneider turn those misses into offensive rebounds and scores.

Point man Jordan Rose kept dishing out assists throughout the quarter as he drove into the lane and found teammates wide open for easy scores.

Schneider finished tied with Jordan Saylor for game-high honors with 17 points each. Cody Kellam finished with 12 on four long balls and Jordan Rose with 11.

Rose continued his good play by playing Santa Claus for his team-

After Kellam stole a pass he kicked it ahead to the wide open Rose who had the easy layup.

Instead of taking the score himself he kissed the ball off the board to a trailing Jordan Saylor who put down his second dunk of the night.

On the next possession Joey Saylor drained another three and after a made free throw by Schneider at the 3:50 mark the Braves led by 20.

Late in game, Rose played Santa again.

Giving up another opportunity for an easy layup he laid the ball off the glass this time to Schneider. Schneider caught the pass and slammed one home himself.

All in all it was a great night at Grant County high school.

The freshmen and JV teams also played prior to the varsity game.

The freshmen lost their contest 55-39.

The Braves were led by Kyle West with nine points and Tanner Dalton with seven.

The JV contest was the best one of the night as far as being competitive.



Jordan Saylor tries to get around a defender.

Photos by Jerry Morris



Austin Schneider throws down a thunderous dunk to cheers from the crowd.

Both teams had several leads throughout the

Lloyd was up by as much as 10 in the final quarter but the Braves just kept chipping away at the lead and won the game when Zach Tuggle drove the lane and kissed the shot off the glass with

2.4 seconds left in the

Joey Saylor scored a game-high 22 and Tuggle chipped in with 20 in the 54-53 win.

The 6-3 Braves will return to action Dec. 29 in Louisville where they will take part in the Eastern High School Christmas Tournament.

The Braves will play the host team Eastern on Dec. 29.

Grammer is looking forward to playing the good competition.

He hopes that playing good teams will help them be prepared come tournament time.



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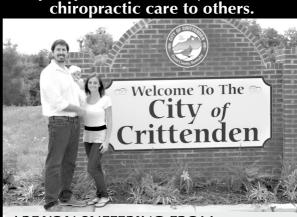


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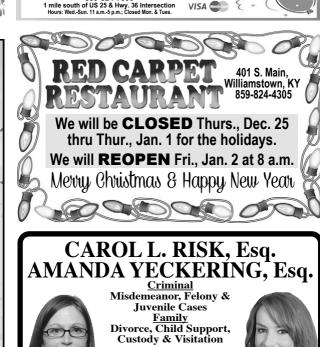
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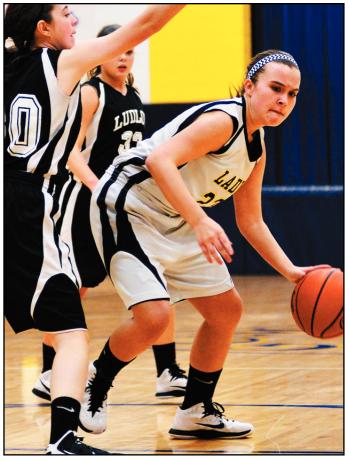
Alecea Homer collides with a Ludlow player while going for the ball. Photos by Mark Verbeck



Courtney Bohman does a flip during a routine.



Carrigan Ruber shoots over the outreached arms of a defender.



Katelyn Cook looks for a dribbling lane as she controls the ball.



Taylor Arnsperger concentrates as she prepares to shoot the ball toward the basket.





Macy Middleton beats her opponent to the ball.

Coaches vs. Cancer set for Jan. 5, Jan. 31

Athletes at Grant County and Williamstown High Schools are preparing to battle a much bigger opponent than each other on Monday, Jan. 5 and Friday, Jan. 31.

The boys and girls teams will come meet for the Coaches vs. Cancer series to fight cancer.

The Coaches vs. Cancer series is part of a national movement that raises awareness in the fight against cancer. A portion of each admission will be donated to the Grant County Relay For Life. This is the fourth year the community has participated.

T-shirts, as well as other items will be sold before and during the games to raise money for the relay.

To make the evening fun and competitive, there will also be a "Kiss The Pig" contest, with the school system raising the least amount of money over the course of the two games will have a designee that will kiss an actual pig during half time of the Jan. 31 game.

Coaches vs. Cancer is one of many events leading up to the Grant County Relay For Life which is planned for Friday, May 15 at Grant County Park in Crittenden.

An organizational/team captain meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26 at Forcht Bank (main office) in Williamstown. Anyone interested in the event or forming a team

Continued from page 1

The state said it could not give a tax incentive to advance religion, but developers of the project say they asked the state for incentives because it is a tourist attraction and will bring thousands of visitors to Kentucky.

Both state and local legislators expressed disappointment

"The Ark project has been in the process for four years and has always been based on the biblical account of Noah and the flood. The state is very familiar with the ministry and the success of the Creation Museum in northern Kentucky. Only after the Ark Project bought the needed land and started construction a few months ago did the cabinet begin raising doubt, and, in action, denied the incentives the cabinet had previously indicated would be approved," said Sen. Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, and Rep. Brian Linder, R-Dry Ridge, in a joint statement.

The lawmakers said the state's decision set a bad precedent for future economic incentives designed to lure companies and jobs to Kentucky.

"No state money will be given to the Ark Project to build the theme park. The incentives are based upon sales taxes collected from operations once the Ark is operational," their joint statement said. "A portion, and capped amount, of the sales tax collected would be return to the Ark Project, an incentive to have them locate in Kentucky. We are positive the state will gladly accept the sales tax that will be generated not only from park attendees, but also to the many hotels, restaurant and other tourist businesses that will locate in Williamstown and surrounding areas. The proceeds will be disbursed throughout the state to fund needed projects and infrastructure.'

Answers In Genesis, the developers of the Ark Encounter, were not completely surprised by the state decision.

Ken Ham, president and CEO and founder of AIG, said the park was going to happen.

Excavation at the site is nearly finished, with construction of the Ark itself to begin in April or as soon as the weather allows. The Ark is expected to open in summer 2016.

Williamstown Mayor Rick Skinner said he was not worried about the Ark Encounter being constructed despite the state's

"I know the funding is in place for the building of the Ark and the tourism incentives were just icing on the cake," Skinner said. "We're confident the Ark will be built and feel confident in the relationship the city has with the developers. I believe they will do what they say they will."

Skinner said his hope for the city is to be able to lure visitors to the Ark to the downtown area with businesses opening throughout the county giving them more options even after they leave the park.

"If there were 5,000 visitors a day and we could attract 10 percent of those to explore downtown and other parts of Williamstown, then that will attract coffee and specialty shops because once the park closes, people will be looking for things to do and that will benefit all of Grant County," Skinner said.



Standings MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 **American Football National Football** Conference Conference New England 12 z - Dallas Buffalo Philadelphia 10 6 0

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One chapter closes . . .

Link reflects on leadership role

By Jamie Baker-Nantz Editor

Grant County Judge-Executive Darrell Link will remain in the county's top seat for six more days, but he won't be sitting around

Link, who decided not to seek re-election, will begin his new job on Jan. 5 as the executive director of the Council on Area Development Districts, where he will be representing all 15 area development districts in Frankfort and Washington. "My new position is apo-

litical and I am excited about the challenge I have to advancing the quality of life for our communities, businesses and residents every day," Link said. Link, a Grant County na-

tive, began his political career when he was appointed to the Grant County Tourism Commission by then judgeexecutive Carol Woodyard. He went on to successfully run for a seat on the fiscal court, where he served for several years before seeking election as judge executive, a

position he held for 16 years.

Link said there have been many changes in the county since he began as judge, most noticeably the median income has increased, unemployment rates have dropped, health standards have improved and the tax base has more than doubled.

He considers his biggest accomplishment to be managing the county's budget.

"This was done through the most difficult economic time since the Great Depression and we did so without increasing taxes," he said. While he believes the fis-

cal court accomplished much while he was at the county's helm, he said the single most important accomplishment was waterline extensions. "I really wanted to replace the railroad bridges on Delaney and Blanchett

Roads before leaving, and

I would have liked for the

new construction for the 154

interchange to have commenced this year," Link said. He would like to see the next judge and fiscal court pursue reconstructing the ingress/egress at 491 E in

Darrell Link

Crittenden and Sherman-Mt. Zion Road.

Link maintained an open door policy and said one of the highlights of the job was working with people every

He said the least enjoyable part of the job was telling other elected officials and special interest groups no regarding requests for increased spending.

Link said he believes he is leaving the county in good financial shape.

"The county is well positioned financially for the future," Link said. "All of the infrastructure (buildings, bridges, waterlines, etc.) has

has been cut in half and we have achieved an AA Standard and Poor rating, have a \$2.8 million unencumbered cash balance, have \$910,000 in investments (CD) and the E911 fund maintains a healthy balance of \$277,457."

Link said the county doesn't have a revenue problem, but curbing spending is a challenge that must be monitored every day.

"Changing the management culture of other elected officials and prohibiting wasteful spending is a constant challenge," he said. Link said he was glad

to have the opportunity to serve the community he calls home and he wouldn't completely rule out a return to politics. "I suppose it's possible,

but highly improbable," he His advice to the incom-

ing judge and court was simple.

'Cast a broad vision for the county, adopt goals and objectives and do not raise taxes," he said.

Another chapter begins. . .

Wood prepares for judge's seat things are done with county

By Bryan Marshall Staff Writer

Steve Wood believes Grant County is ready for a growth spurt.

As the newly elected judge-executive heads into office, Wood hopes to spark that growth.

"Since we have an interstate that runs right down the middle of the county, we're 45 minutes away from Lexington and 25 from Cincinnati, there is no reason why we can't grow," he said. "As a judge-executive, I'm going to try to be a cheerleader to help this happen and to try to grow the current businesses and try to attract anything from white collar jobs to technology and manufacturing. We have to sell ourselves to people who are looking at areas by communicating to them that we are a good place to live."

Wood will lead an all-Republican fiscal court with three newly elected magistrates.

Wood said he already met with the magistrates three times before the end of the vear to discuss upcoming plans and transitioning into leading Grant County.

"We already have some goals and some ideas together on how to do these things,' Wood said.

One idea is getting some help from someone who has experience in running a government office.

Wood plans to hire Scott Kimmich as a deputy judgeexecutive. Kimmich spent eight years in Kenton County and four years in Boone County as a deputy judgeexecutive, Wood said.

"I felt like, with the inexperience of the magistrates, and with my inexperience, quite frankly, and the inexperience of our jailer, I'm going to hire him," Wood said. "He's going to help me and the magistrates. He'll be like an advisor." Wood lists the Grant

County Detention Center, the sheriff's office and the road department as three areas he would like to tackle in the first few months in office.

Wood recently toured the jail and was shocked at the condition the facility was in.

"It is a mess," he said. "The kitchen is working at about 40 percent. There is only one stove that works that they can cook on. The fan that draws out all the fumes is broken. The floor, sewage keeps coming up in it. There are ceiling panels hanging down. There are commodes that are tore up. There's holding areas that are tore up. Leaks are everywhere. Heating and air conditioning does not heat or cool properly. There's wires hanging out of the walls. It's just a mess."

Wood said he does not want to place the blame on the deteriorating jail on anyone. Instead, he wants to find

solutions to the problem. What I want to try to do is to turn the page on the problems and address them head on to move the county forward," Wood said. "The way I'm going to do that is to work with the jailer and magistrates to evaluate our options and develop a strategic plan."

Attending fiscal court meetings throughout last year, Wood is well aware of the desire for additional deputies at the sheriff's office.

Wood plans to talk to Sheriff Chuck Dills in the new year about what he needs



for the future.

Wood said he also has it on his agenda to go to the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville to determine number of deputies necessary for a county the size of Grant.

"I want to work with him," Wood said. "But, I also want to be fair to the people of Grant County and look at what he needs and make sure he needs those things."

The road department, which has dwindling and beat-up equipment, also has crucial needs, Wood said.

"There is one of the dump trucks that has a hole in the floor," he said. "They all have huge mileages on them. I ask the (road department manager) if he had a wish list what would be the top three things. He said he wanted a dump truck, a pickup and two more men. Frankly, I don't think it's too much to ask."

In order to make improvements and honor requests by departments, Wood said it is imperative that the county expands its tax base to bring in more revenue.

Every time a government gets into a bind, they seem to raise taxes, said Wood. That is a process he is not in favor of. Ultimately, Wood said he

wants to make sure the right

money, especially during tight times.

What I'm going to try to do is to go over the budget with the staff and the magistrates to do our best to make sure our costs are correct," Wood said. "If we can get going as quickly as we can to analyze the government from top to bottom and assess the services we provide and try to develop a financial plan to meet those needs, I am absolutely convinced we can do the necessary services with the resources we have. But, I will always look to increase revenue if we have to do it in the end."

Wood is excited about the proposed Ark Encounter project. However, he was not pleased to learn that the state recently reversed course and denied the project tax incentives because of alleged bias in hiring practices.

"I don't like the way the governor reneged on it,' Wood said. "I know what they said the reasoning was but they're the only company I know of in the history of Kentucky that was made to sign a letter saying they'll have proper hiring practices. If they go on an open up and get the tax exemptions and if they break the law, fine them. That's why I think they'll win

a lawsuit.' As Wood embarks on a new journey as leader of Grant County, he hopes the citizens will be patient with him and the rest of the fiscal

"We have some real serious obstacles ahead of us," he said. "Every decision I make will be made from the heart and my brain. If they'll just give us some patience, I'll try to do the best I can."

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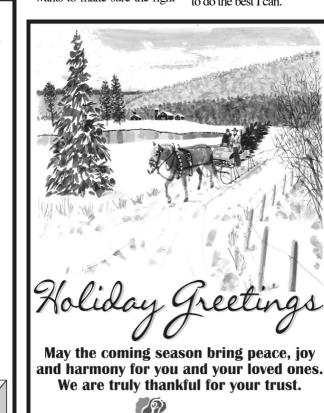


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This being the same property conveyed to David Clark (a/k/a David Eugene Clark) and Ann Clark (a/k/a Glenna Ann Parker Clark), husband and wife, by deed from Robert Brashear and Hazel Brasher, husband and wife, dated November 3, 1983 and recorded in deed book 150, page 217 on November 5, 1983 in the Grant County Clerk's records at Williamstown, Kentucky.

Exception No. 3: The following is a description of a parcel of land lying on the southwest side of Elliston-Napoleon Road, 0.74

miles southeast of KY-16 in Grant County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin (found) at a common corner of Larry M. Atha, Deed Book 112, Page 559 and Steven

Ray Shively and Tammy Lee Shively, D.B. 252, Page 219; thence with the line of Atha for the following three (3) calls: N 33° 16' 47" E-202.29 feet to a 14" walnut; thence N 32° 16' 15" E-351.95 feet to an iron pin (found); thence N 30° 05' 38" E-80.20 feet to an iron pin (set); thence leaving the line of Atha and with a new made line over the land of Glenna Ann Koester and Robert W. Koester, D.B. 325, Page 527, S 46° 06′ 17″ E-400.34 feet to an iron pin (set) in the line of Steven Ray Shively and Tammy Lee Shively, D.B. 252, Page 219; thence with the line of Shively for the following two (2) calls: S 39° 47′ 32″ W-600.00 feet to an iron pin (found); thence N 50° 15′ 48″ W-316-79 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.000 acres, and being subject to any and all rights of way and accompanie of program of the state of the s subject to any and all rights-of-way and easements of record or in existence.

The above description is in accordance with a survey made by the undersigned on February 11, 2008. All iron pins (set) this survey are 1/2" rebar with plastic cap marked "T JUSTICE-3661", and all iron pins (found) this survey are 5/8" rebar with plastic cap marked "JOE H JUSTICE-RLS 1989".

Being the same property conveyed by Glenna Ann Clark aka Glenna Ann Parker Clark aka Glenna Ann Koester and Robert Koester, wife and husband, to Glenna Ann Koester and Robert Koester, wife and husband, by Deed dated April 18, 2007 and recorded on June 5, 2007 at Deed Book 325, Page 527 of the Grant County Clerk's records, with Exception Number 3 being an Off-conveyance by Robert Koester and Glenna Ann Koester, husband and wife, to Steven Ray Shively and Tammy Lee Shively, husband and wife, by Deed dated June 21, 2011 and recorded on June 24, 2011 in Deed Book 351, Page 738 of the Grant County Clerk's records. The remaining acreage being approximately 5.015 +/-. Property Address: 2885 Elliston Napoleon Road, Warsaw, KY 41095

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale. Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of Two Hundred Ten Thousand, Five Hundred Nineteen dollars and Sixty One cents (\$210,519.61) together with accrued interest thereon to April 26, 2014, in the amount of Six Thousand, Three Hundred Thirteen dollars and Twenty One cents (\$6,313.21) and interest thereafter at the rate of Nine dollars and Ninety Seven cents (\$9.97) per day until the entire amount has been paid in full; together with late charges in the amount of One Hundred Forty Four dollars and Eighty Eight Cents (\$144.88), property insurance in the amount of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One dollars and Forty Six cents (\$5,921.46), taxes in the amount of Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five dollars and Six cents (\$3,125.06), inspections/property preservation in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty Eight dollars (\$238) and appraisals/bk fees in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Five dollars (\$285) and together with reasonable attorneys' fees in the amount of One Thousand and Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) and court costs in the amount of Seven hundred forty two dollars and 72 cents (\$742.72).

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, beating interest at the fate of 12% per animin for the date of sale. When the purchase life is paid in fat, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be

charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2015; b. Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;

Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;

d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose. For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of

he Circuit Court of Grant County. EDWARD M. BOURNE

Master Commissioner Sales

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE GRANT CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO.: 12-CI-177

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

JENNIFER OLIVER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE

OF JENNIFER OLIVER, JAMOS FUND I, LP, and GRANT COUNTY, KENTUCKY

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on December 9, 2014, I will

sell at public auction on the front steps of the Grant County Courthouse, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on WEDNESDAY, January 7, 2015, at the hour of 11:00 a.m.

prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows Said real estate is situated in Grant County, Kentucky, and bounded as follows:

Parcel 1: A certain lot or parcel of land located in the County of Grant, State of Kentucky, situated on the north side of Lake Corinth, and being more fully described as follows: All of lot No. 80 & 81 of the lake Corinth Estates Subdivision, Section One. For reference see plat of the

Lake Corinth Estates Subdivision of record in Plat Book 3, Page 31, Grant County Clerk's office, Williamstown, Kentucky. Parcel 2: A certain lot of parcel of land located in the County of Grant, State of Kentucky, situated on the north side

of Lake Corinth, and being more fully described as follows: All of Lot 82 of the Lake Corinth Estates Subdivision, Section One. For reference see plat of the Lake Corinth Estates Subdivision of record in Plat Book 3, Page 31, Grant County Clerk's office, Williamstown, Kentucky.

Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 are subject to the conditions, covenants, easements, exceptions, restrictions and reservations set forth in all prior deeds in the record chain of title, including but not limited to those conditions, covenants, easements, exceptions, restrictions and reservations set forth in Deed Book 101, Page 596 and Deed Book 332, Page 596, all references being to the records of the Grant County Clerk's office in Williamstown, Kentucky.

Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 are further subject to the following conditions, covenants, easements, exceptions, restrictions and reservations:

1. REA has easement though all lots to install light poles. 2. The Corinth Water District has easement through all lots to install water pipes.

3. All lots adjacent to the water of the Corinth Lake shall run from the center of the road to the 840 Contour line in said lake meandering around the lake except the lots abutted to the state road which has a 60 foot right of way.

4. The Citizens Telephone Company has easement through all lots to install telephone wires. 5. No outside toilet permitted on this lot.

ASSESSMENT: Ten (\$10.00) dollars annually, road maintenance shall be paid to the SOUTHEASTERN LAND CORP. Between the first and the thirty first day of January each year, beginning with January 1967. This assessment shall continue until the county assumes responsibility for road maintenance. Being the same property conveyed to Jennifer Oliver, unmarried, on the 15th day of August 2008 and

recorded in Deed Book 334, Page 193 of the Grant County, Kentucky records. Property Address: 605 Corinth Shore Drive, Corinth, KY There is a mobile home located on the property, but it shall not be included in the sale of the land.

Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Seven Cents (\$4,772.07) together with accrued interest thereon to November 30, 2014, in the amount of Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$333.92) and judgment interest thereafter at the rate of Fifty-One Dollars and Six Cents (\$51.06) per month;

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof

shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs. The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the current year; b. Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;

c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;

d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose. For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office

of the Circuit Court of Grant County EDWARD M. BOURNE

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS 1, LLC **PLAINTIFF**

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE GRANT CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO.: 12-CI-175 PLAINTIFF

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE DEFENDANTS

MICHAEL D. SHEPHERD, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL D. SHEPHERD, WHITAKER BANK INC., SUCCESSOR BY ACQUISITION TO CORINTH DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NA, FIFTH THIRD BANK, INC., LVNV FUNDING, LLC, JAMOS FUND 1, LP, KENTUCKY TAX COMPANÝ, LLĆ AND COUNTY ÓF GRANT, KENTUCKY

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on November 20, 2014, I will sell at public auction on the front steps of the Grant County Courthouse, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on **WEDNESDAY**, **January 7**, **2015**, at the hour of **11:00 a.m.**, prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows: Said real estate is situated in Grant County, Kentucky, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a point, corner to the lands of George Kelly and the Keefer Road, thence with the line of George Kelly in a South West direction 200 feet to a point; thence in a Easterly direction with another line of Kelly 360 feet to a point the West edge of a private road; thence 356 feet to the Keefer Road; thence with the line of the Keefer Road in a westerly direction 227 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1 acre more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Michael D. Shepherd, a single person on the 12th day of December 2011 and recorded in Deed Book 275, Page 251 of the Grant County, Kentucky records.

Property Address: 3110 Keefer Road, Corinth, KY 41010

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale. Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Dollars and Thirty Nine Cents (\$4,392.39) together with accrued interest thereon to November 30, 2014, in the amount of Three Hundred Twenty Two Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$322.15) and judgment interest thereafter at the rate of Forty Seven Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$47.15) per month for the 2007 Certificate of Delinquency. The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit

shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the current year;

- Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;

d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose. For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.

EDWARD M. BOURNE MASTER COMMISSIONER GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANTS

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-CI-00138 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY STRUCTURED TRUST I 2007-1 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, 2007-1,

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

KIMBERLY D. LEWIS; DEFENDANTS RONALD R. LEWIS; PNC BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO THE PROVIDENT BANK; SAINT ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER, INC.

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on November 20, 2014, I will sell at public auction on the front steps of the Grant County Courthouse, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on WEDNESDAY, January 7, 2015, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:
Said real estate is situated in Grant County, Kentucky, and bounded as follows:
A certain tract of parcel of land lying and being on the West side of U.S. 25 between Sherman and Dry

Ridge in Grant County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
All of Lot No Sixty-Three (63) in Grantland Estates Subdivision, Section 4, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 31 of the Grant County Clerks Records, Williamstown, Kentucky, which said Plat is incorporated

Being the same property conveyed to Ronald R. Lewis and Kimberly D. Lewis, husband and wife, by Deed dated January 29, 2007, and being filed of record in Deed Book 330, Page 581, in the Office of the Clerk of

Grant County, Kentucky.

Address of Property: 300 Grantland Drive, Dry Ridge, KY 41035

Parcel Number: 044-02-00-063.00

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale.

Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$101,935.94, together with accrued interest thereon at the current Note rate of 10.7% per annum starting from January 1, 2010, until fully paid, plus any other charges which have accrued, plus Plaintiff's costs expended, plus Plaintiff's attorney fees of at least \$2,500.00, pursuant to KRS 411.195, as Counsel is not a salaried employee of Plaintiff.

at least \$2,500.00, pursuant to KRS 411.195, as Counsel is not a salaried employee of Plaintiff.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the

validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs. The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2015;b. Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;

Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;

d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose. For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County. EDWARD M BOURNE

MASTER COMMISSIONER GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE GRANT CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-CI-00653

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION

PLAINTIFF

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BRIAN E. CAMMACK, et al.

DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on the May 23, 2014, and a subsequent order on December 9, 2014, I will sell at public auction on the front steps of the Grant County Courthouse, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:

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Situated in the State of Kentucky, in the County of Grant and bounded as follows: Lying and being in Grant County, Kentucky, on the East side of Cynthiana Road, 3.75 miles Southeast of

Williamstown and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a P. K. Nail in the center of Cynthiana Road at its intersection with the North line of Atha Lane; thence with the North line of Atha Lane and the existing fence, N 68° 16' 48" E-321.96 feet to a 10" Locust; thence N 19° 13' 52" W-16.68 feet to a post; thence with new made lines partitioning the Grantors original 9.24 acre tract, N 40° 57° 07" W---183.96 feet to an iron pin; thence S 46° 26' 08" W-311.94 feet to a P. K. Nail in the center of Cynthiana Road; thence with the center of said road, S. 42° 00' 01" E----79.20 feet to the place of

Deed Book 270, Page 111, in the Office of the Clerk of Grant County, Kentucky. THERE IS A MOBILE HOME AFFIXED TO THIS PROPERTY BY AFFIDAVIT OF CONVERSION RECORDED AUGUST 10, 2011 IN MC BOOK mc3, PAGE 71, included in the sale.

Property Address: 110 Atha Lane, Williamstown, Kentucky 41097

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$77,713.48; together with Interest on item a at the rate of 6.5% per annum from April , 2008, until paid; together with costs herein expended. The real e

shall be sold on the terms of ten (10%) percent cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum from date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff, to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2012;

 Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record; c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property:

d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.

EDWARD M. BOURNE MASTER COMMISSIONER GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

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UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE GRANT CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 14-CI-00149 Branch Banking and Trust Company

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Joseph M. Robinson

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on December 4, 2014, I will sell at public auction on the front steps of the Grant County Courthouse, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on WEDNESDAY, January 7, 2015, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows

Said real estate is situated in Grant County, Kentucky, and bounded as follows:
Lying and being in Grant County, Kentucky on the East side of State Route # 1942, 2.3 miles North of Mt.

Zion and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the center of State Route # 1942, the said point being 87 feet North of the center of Ten Mile Creek; and thence with the center of State Route # 1942, N 63 degrees 09' E 142,91 feet; thence N

44 degrees 42' E 46.57 feet; thence N 20 degrees 51' E 42.02 feet; thence leaving the road with a new made line, S 6 degrees 58' E 454.01 feet to a 6" Hickory tree; thence S 70 degrees 18' W 123.02 feet to an iron pin; thence N 17 degrees 52' W 373.17 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.44 acres, more or less, exclusive of easements and right-of-ways of record.

Being the same property conveyed to Joseph M. Robinson and Julia P. Robinson, husband and wife, from the Federal National Mortgage Association, by Deed dated September 30, 2004 and recorded October 26,

2004 in Deed Book 303, Page 202, records of the Grant County Court Clerk. Property Address: 2405 Verona Mount Zion RD., Crittenden, KY 41030 Parcel: 021-00-00-019.00

Title Source: Book 303, page 202

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale.

Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$129,884.50) together with accrued interest

thereon to August 1, 2014, in the amount of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Four Dollars and Seventy Eight Cents (\$3,774.78) and interest thereafter at the rate of Thirteen Dollars and Seventy Nine Cents (\$13.79) per day until the entire amount has been paid in full; together with advancements for the protection of the property, including taxes and insurance (negative escrow) in the amount of Seven Hundred Thirty Five Dollars and Sixty Seven Cents (\$735.67) and together with reasonable attorneys' fees in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) and court costs in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Six Dollars and Seventy Four Cents (\$1986.74). The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit

shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is days bearing interest at the late of 120 per aimon for the date of sate. When the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the

proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2015; Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record:

c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;

d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

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EDWARD M. BOURNE MASTER COMMISSIONER GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

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Wrapping up the holidays



John Hurst helps Ailea Perkins with Christmas decorations at the annual County Christmas Party held at Sherman Elementary School. Photo by Mark Verbeck



Grant County Sheriff Chuck Dills pushes Pipper in a cart at the annual Shop with a Cop. Blake Nichols tells Santa his Christmas list. Photo by Mark Verbeck





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